



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT District of Minnesota

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In the calls, the threat of a fine for shirking jury service is used to coerce those called into providing confidential data, potentially leading to identity theft and fraud. These calls are not from real court officials.

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